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training area between Nochten and Boxberg were occupied by from 200 to 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Local residents said that several tanks drove to the training area on 18 November, coming from Spremberg via Muellrose. At 3:50 p.m. on 14 November, about 30 soldiers arrived at the Weisswasser railroad station aboard the regular train from Cottbus. The soldiers were picked up and brought to Camp Boxberg. During the period from 19 to 27 November, firing of tank guns was heard from the training area. Two T-34/85 tanks were seen on the road at Nochten on 26 November. Five tanks were observed leaving the training area toward Spremberg at about 3 p.m. on 27 November. A new wooden shed was being constructed on the east side of the Nochten-Boxberg road, opposite the troop camp. The training area was being guarded more strictly than in 1950.

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Comment. According to numerous previous reports, the bulk of the 9th Mecz Div left the Weisswasser training area by the end of October 1951. the headquarters in charge of the Weisswasser training area had also been deactivated on 24 October 1951. sizable rear units of several regiments of the 9th Mecz Div were still in Camp Nochten by the beginning of December 1951. The tanks observed at the training area in November are believed to belong to the division's 80th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt from Spremberg, to which also one of the four trucks is also assigned.